



# **Auditor's Conference**

## **Status Update**

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# Overview

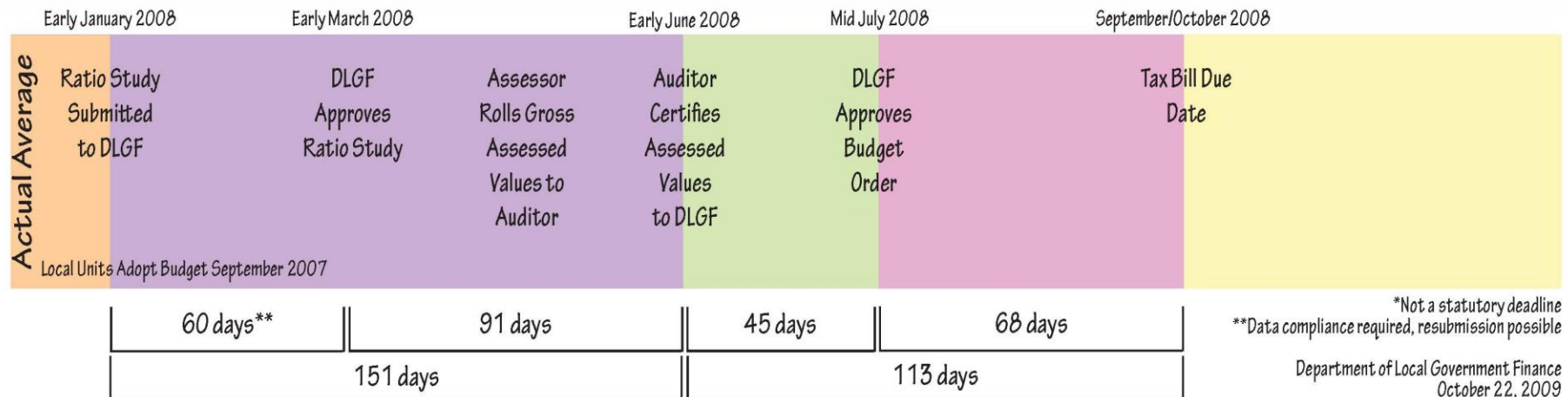
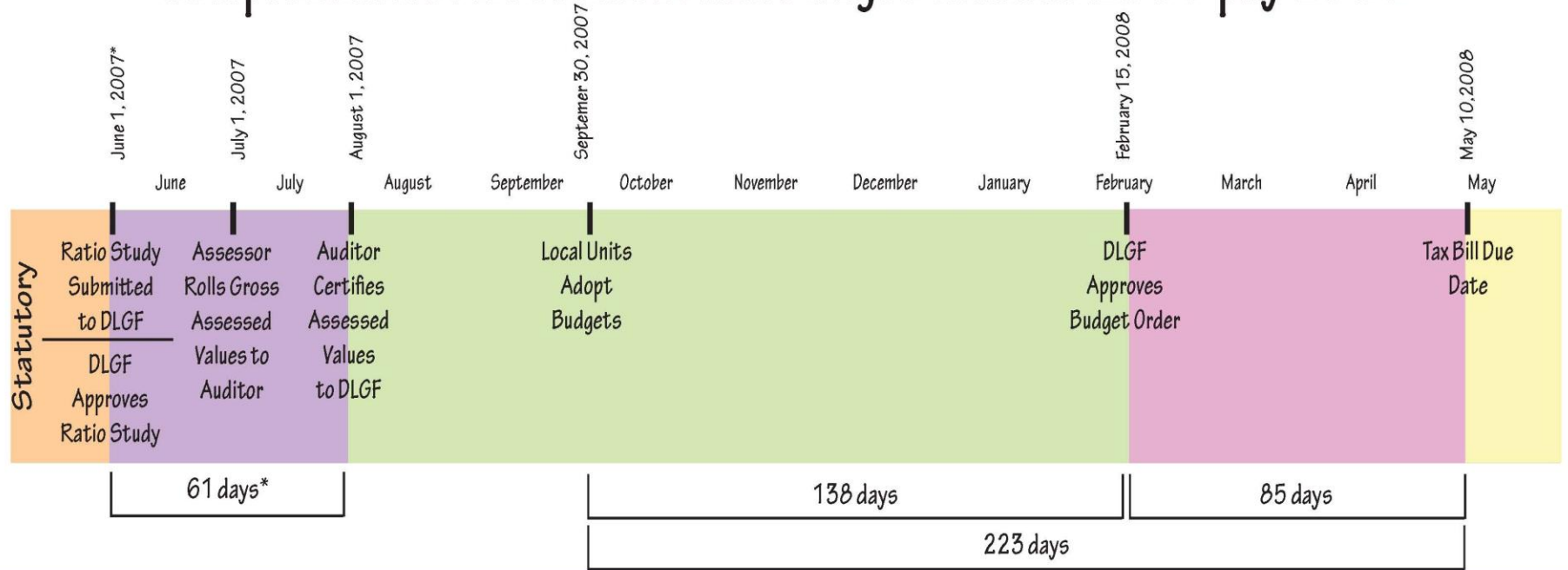
- **Restore On-Time Property Tax Billing**
- **Pay 2009 and Pay 2010 Status Updates**
- **2010 Census**



# Restore On-Time Billing

- Reduce turnaround time for review and approval of ratio studies (includes counties w/data compliance issues)
  - 2007 pay 2008 – 60 days
  - 2008 pay 2009 – 55 days
  - 2009 pay 2010 – 18 days
- Reduce turnaround time for budget certification once certified assessed values are received
  - 2007 pay 2008 – 45 days
  - 2008 pay 2009 – 39 days

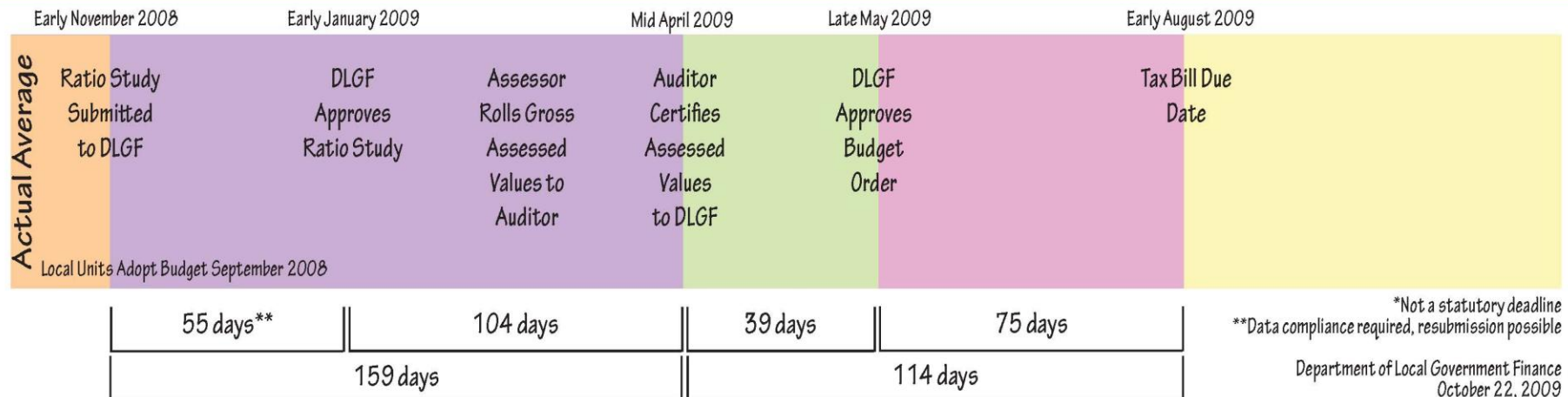
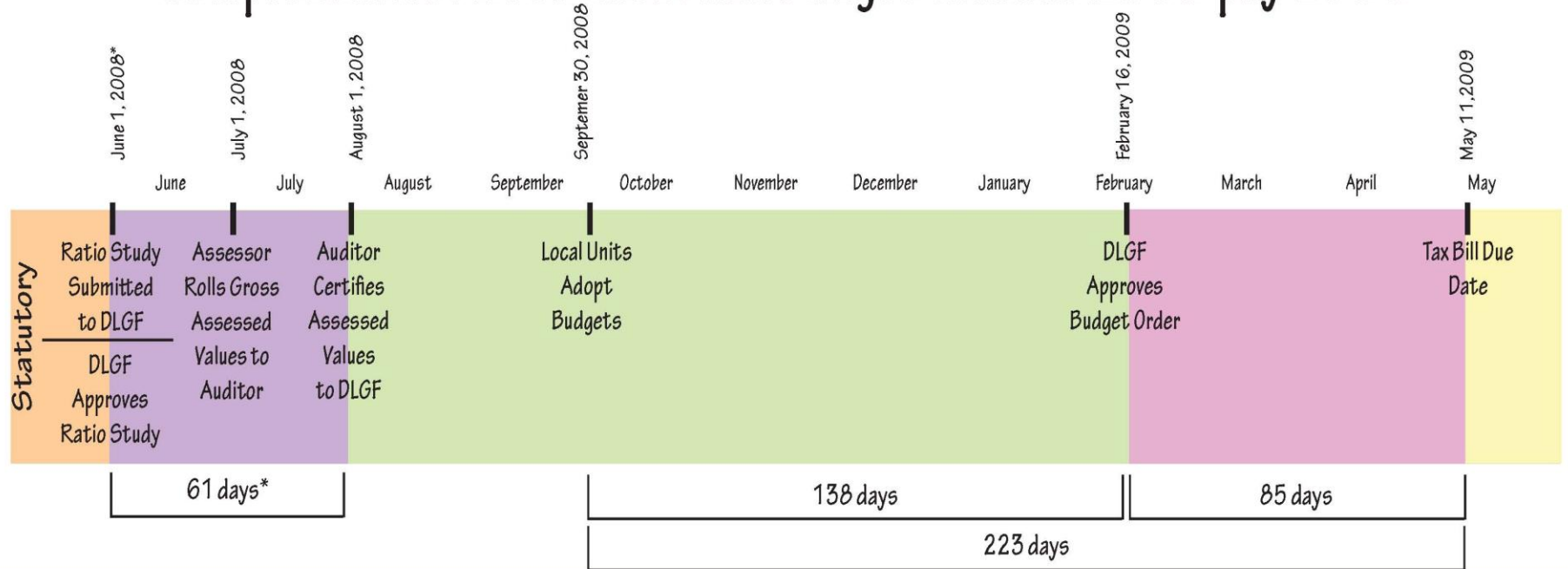
# Comprehensive Assessment and Budget Timeline 2007 pay 2008



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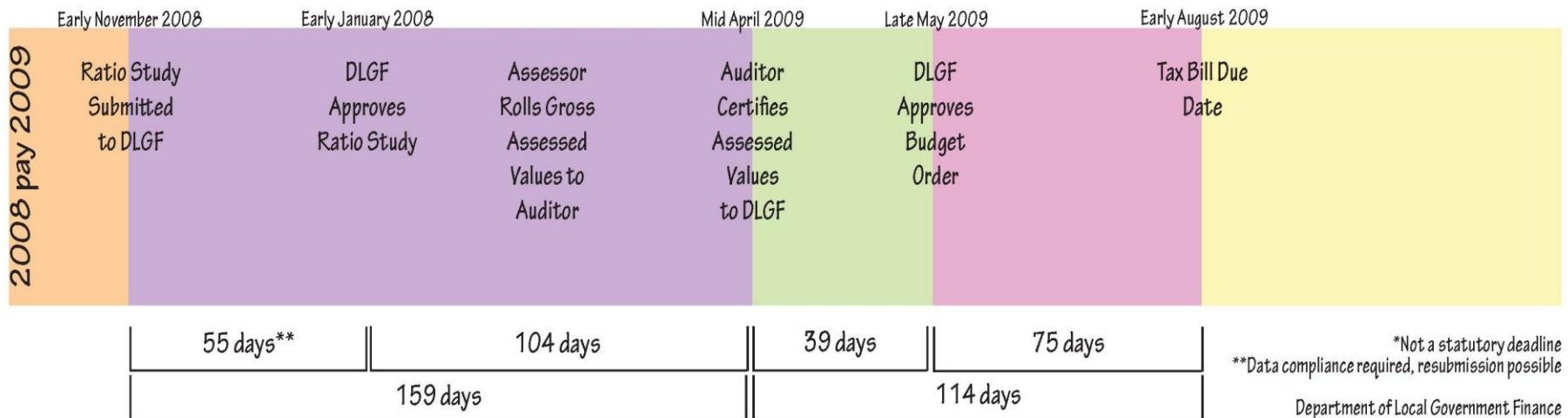
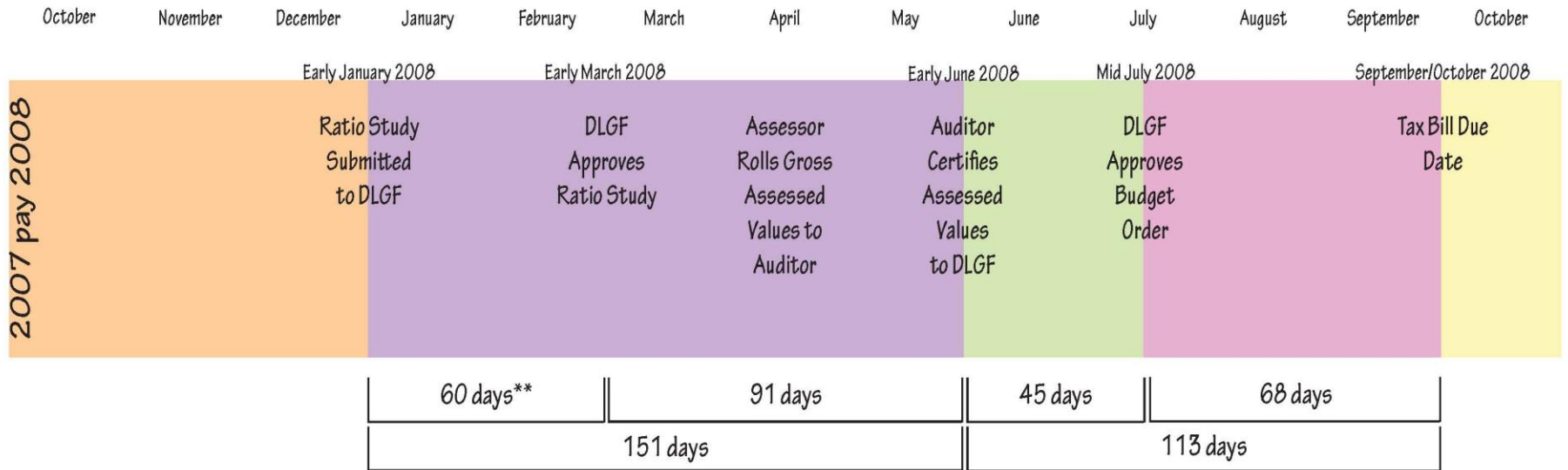
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# 2008 Budget Certification status as of October 22, 2008

Status Maps:

<http://www.in.gov/dlgf/6827.htm>

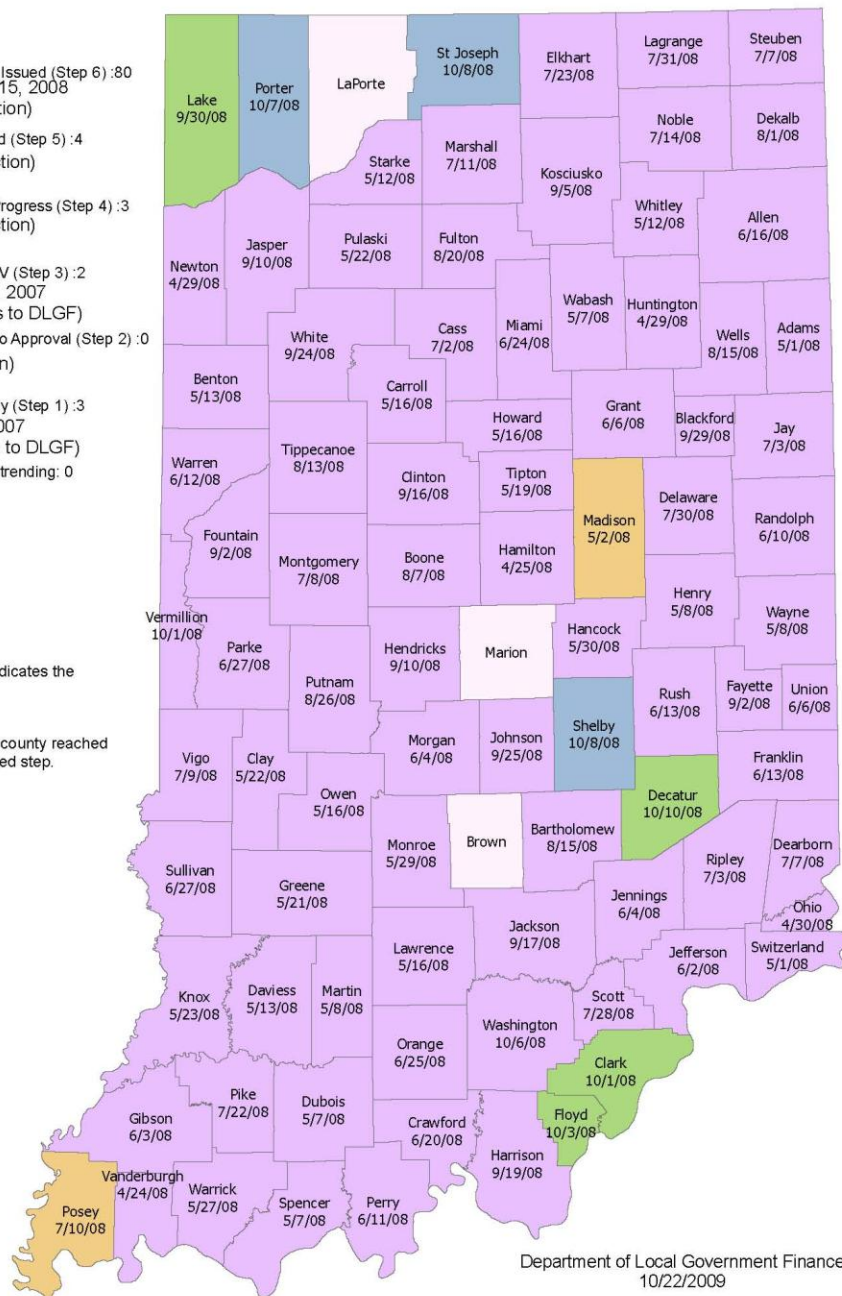
## 2007 pay 2008 Budget Certification Status Map As of October 22, 2008

### Indiana Counties

- Final Budget Order Issued (Step 6) :80  
Due February 15, 2008  
(DLGF Action)
- 1782 Notices Issued (Step 5) :4  
(DLGF Action)
- Budget Review in Progress (Step 4) :3  
(DLGF Action)
- Awaiting Certified AV (Step 3) :2  
Due August 1, 2007  
(Co. Auditor Sends to DLGF)
- Awaiting Sales Ratio Approval (Step 2) :0  
(DLGF Action)
- Awaiting Ratio Study (Step 1) :3  
Due Spring 2007  
(Co. Assessor sends to DLGF)
- State is performing trending: 0

NOTE: The current color indicates the previous step has been completed or approved.

A date indicates the date a county reached their most recently completed step.



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# 2009 Budget Certification status as of October 22, 2009

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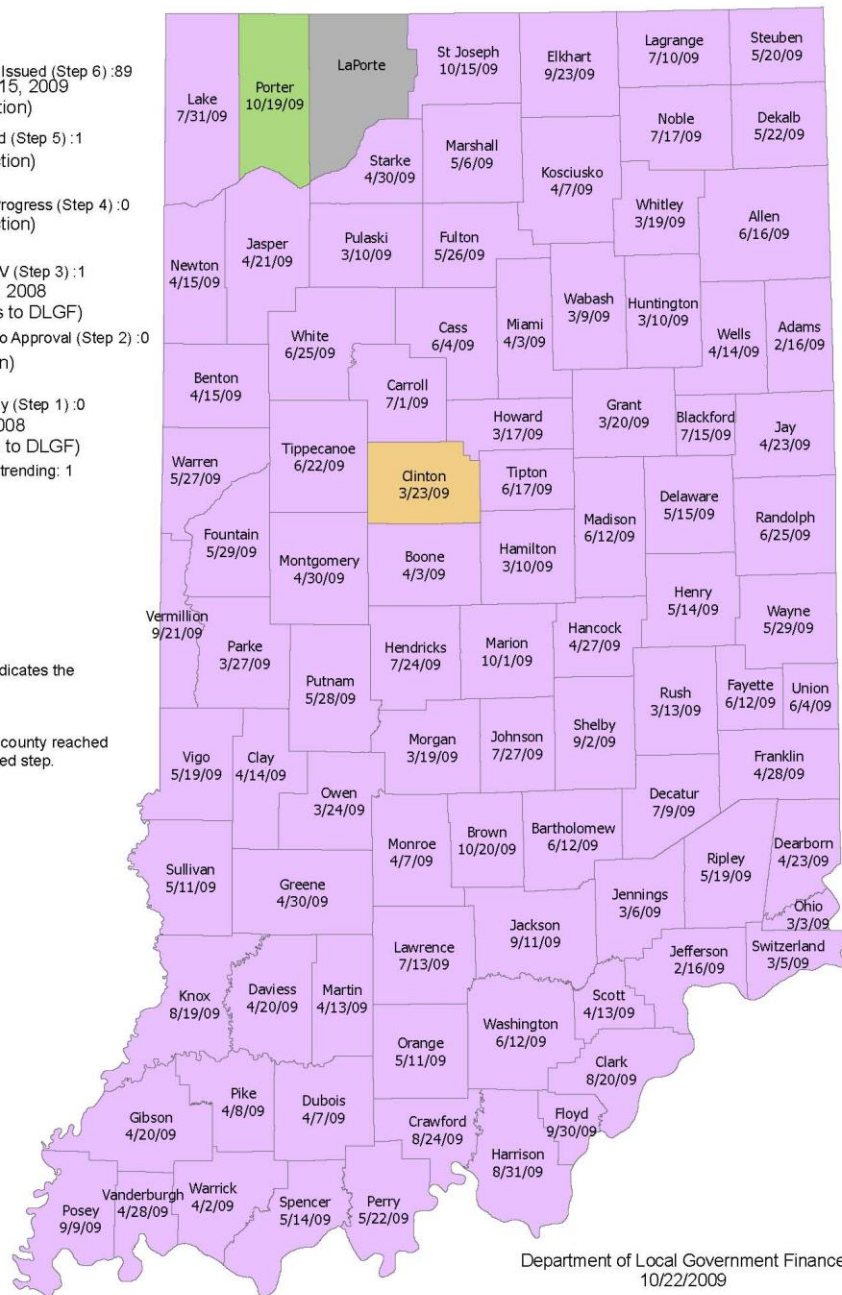
2008 pay 2009 Budget Certification Status Map  
As of October 22, 2009

## Indiana Counties

- Final Budget Order Issued (Step 6) :89  
Due February 15, 2009  
(DLGF Action)
- 1782 Notices Issued (Step 5) :1  
(DLGF Action)
- Budget Review in Progress (Step 4) :0  
(DLGF Action)
- Awaiting Certified AV (Step 3) :1  
Due August 1, 2008  
(Co. Auditor Sends to DLGF)
- Awaiting Sales Ratio Approval (Step 2) :0  
(DLGF Action)
- Awaiting Ratio Study (Step 1) :0  
Due Spring 2008  
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- State is performing trending: 1

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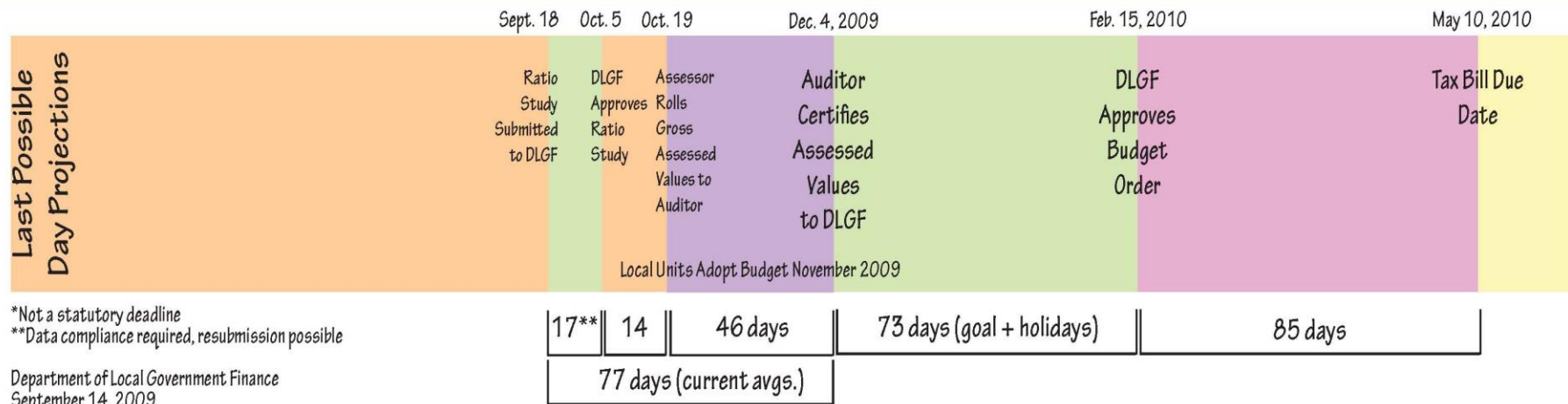
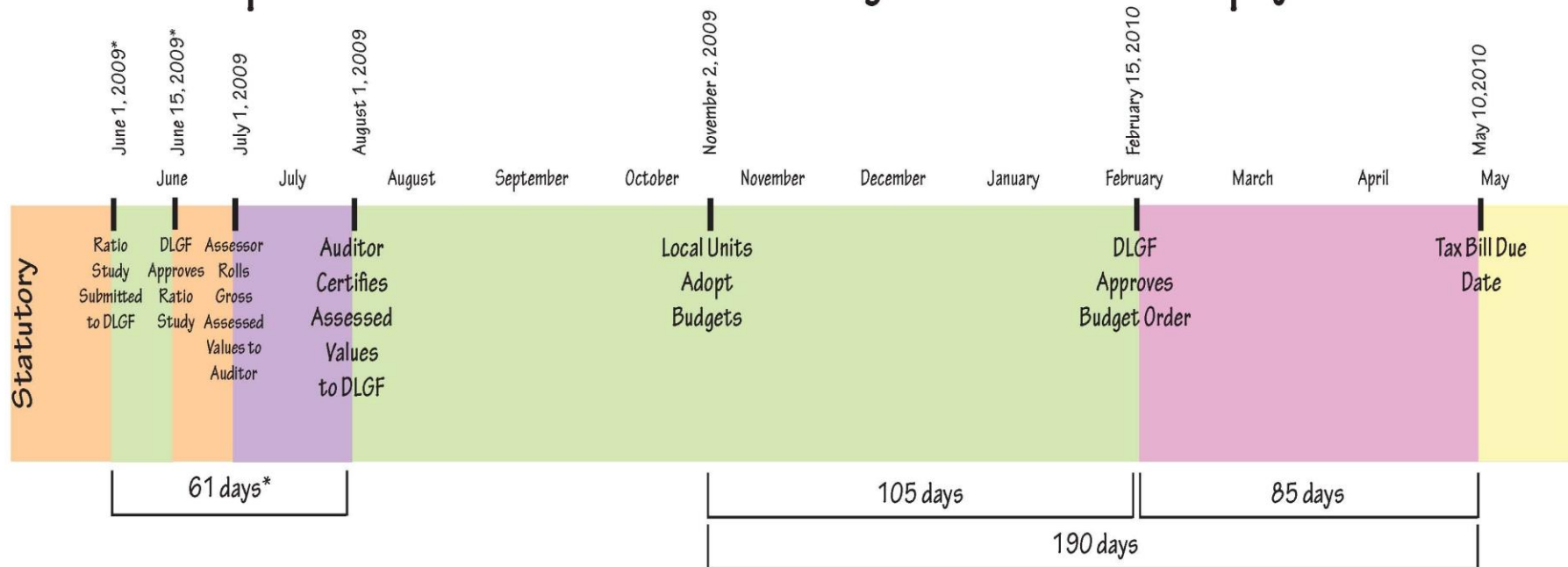


# 2010: “The Year of No Excuses”

In response to this challenge, the DLGF Team has accomplished the following:

- Streamlined the data compliance process for assessment-sales ratio study approval purposes;
- Simplified the annual adjustment rule to allow for the use of only one year of sales and repealed the previous guidance that assessments be changed even if assessment level and uniformity statistical measures were within international standards; and
- Established a goal to issue 2010 budget orders within 60 days from receipt of certified net assessed values from the county auditor.

# Comprehensive Assessment and Budget Timeline 2009 pay 2010



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# 2010 Budget Certification status as of October 22, 2009

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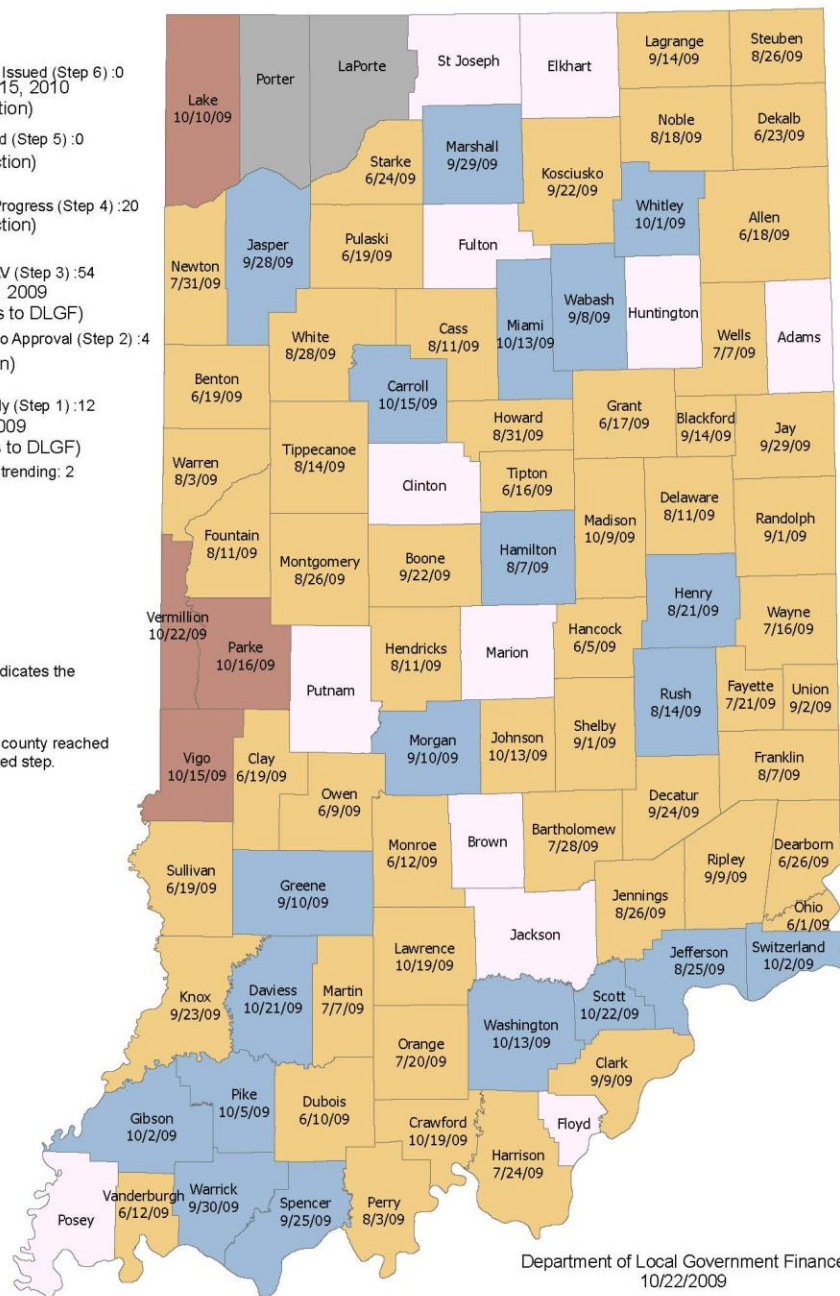
## 2009 pay 2010 Budget Certification Status Map As of October 22, 2009

### Indiana Counties

- Final Budget Order Issued (Step 6) :0  
Due February 15, 2010  
(DLGF Action)
- 1782 Notices Issued (Step 5) :0  
(DLGF Action)
- Budget Review in Progress (Step 4) :20  
(DLGF Action)
- Awaiting Certified AV (Step 3) :54  
Due August 1, 2009  
(Co. Auditor Sends to DLGF)
- Awaiting Sales Ratio Approval (Step 2) :4  
(DLGF Action)
- Awaiting Ratio Study (Step 1) :12  
Due Spring 2009  
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- State is performing trending: 2

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# Overview

- Significant progress has been made for 2009 and we are off to a good start for 2010
- 2010 is the “Year of No Excuses”

Let’s talk about the 2010 U.S. Census...



# 2010 Census

UNITED STATES CENSUS

# 2010 *Indiana*



For more information, visit the Indiana 2010 Census Web page: [www.census.indiana.edu](http://www.census.indiana.edu).



# 2010 Census

- The U.S. Constitution requires that a Census be conducted every 10 years to count each person living in the country.
  - The Census is used to apportion congressional seats.
  - Results inform policymakers who construct government programs.
  - Census numbers are the basis of funding for many federal programs, up to \$1,200 per person.
    - Medicaid, WIC food grants, social services
    - Title I educational grants
    - Transportation
  - State funds are often distributed using Census counts.
- **Our objective is to ensure that every Hoosier is counted.**



# 2010 Census

- Census Day is April 1, 2010
- Short “do” list to promote U.S. Census:
  - Alert your staff to upcoming Census
  - Post the Census message or link on your Web page
  - Mention it at appropriate meetings / presentations
- Census Message added to DLGF Form 11, TS-1, etc...



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